

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Northwest Arctic Borough



The Northwest Arctic Borough is Alaska's second largest borough. Twelve communities in the borough are spread out over nearly 36,000 square miles. A majority of residents are Inupiat Eskimo. Kotzebue is by far the largest city and is the region's service, administrative and transportation hub with year round jet service to Anchorage. The Red Dog Mine is the world's largest zinc concentrate producer. *(For data on the Northwest Arctic Regional Advisory Council - the communities of the Northwest Arctic Borough except Red Dog Mine - select **NARAC** from the Region dropdown.)*

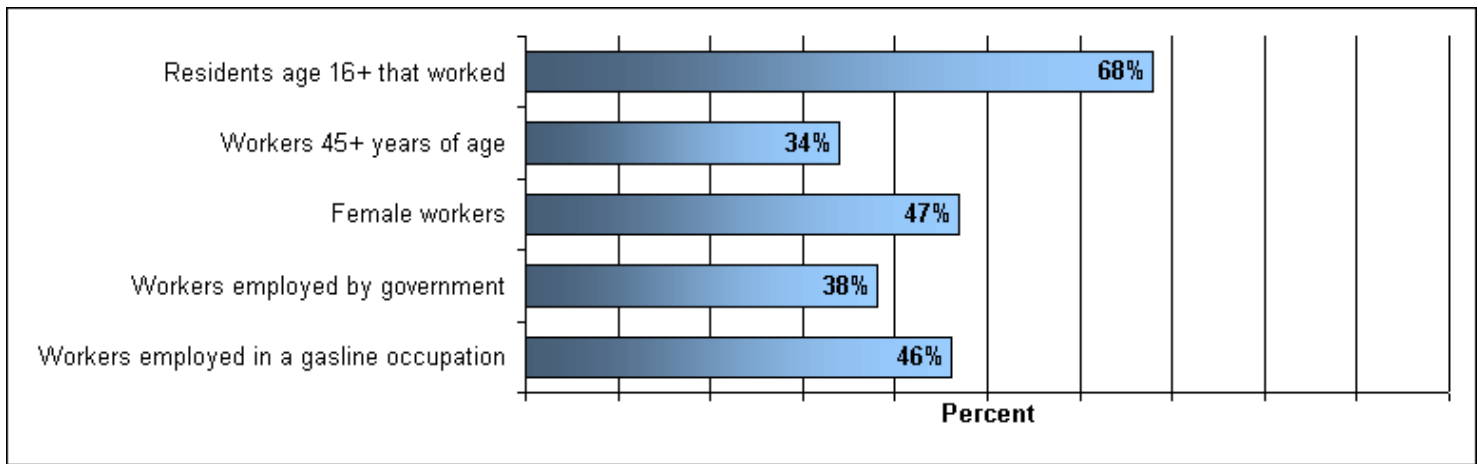
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 7,407, a gain of about 199 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 68 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 36 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Construction Laborers than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Northwest Arctic Borough Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	4,647	Total wages	\$91,481,162
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,166	Private	1,956
Male	1,681	State government	81
Female	1,484	Local government	1,129
Age 45+	1,071	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	739	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	2,654
		Percent working all 4 quarters	56.8%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	630	Some construction	607
		At least 1 year construction	201
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	68
New hires	1,422	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	2,753

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## 2008 Residents

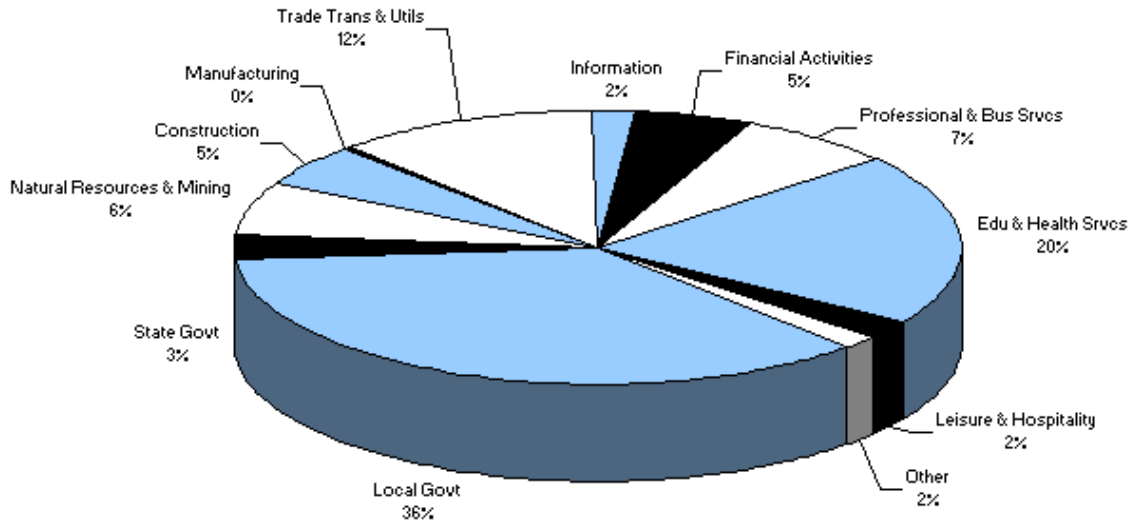


## Top Occupations

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	214	12.1%	18	20.5%	9.5%
Teacher Assistants	151	82.8%	43	4.3%	9.1%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	123	82.1%	15	8.9%	5.4%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	110	5.5%	19	11.6%	12.6%
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	102	66.7%	30	21.3%	1.3%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	95	23.2%	21	7.8%	7.8%
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers <b>AGIA</b>	93	17.2%	8	22.7%	6.2%
Retail Salespersons	88	48.9%	8	9.7%	6.5%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General <b>AGIA</b>	79	15.2%	21	6.3%	10.8%
Cashiers	74	89.2%	4	24.0%	7.0%
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	64	3.1%	29	20.3%	7.2%
Gaming and Sports Book Writers and Runners	59	57.6%	27	5.6%	5.6%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	57	5.3%	10	27.1%	14.3%
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	51	38.0%	25	13.3%	14.7%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other	51	88.2%	9	20.0%	0.0%
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria <b>AGIA</b>	47	59.6%	17	4.8%	1.6%
Child Care Workers	42	95.2%	1	11.9%	0.0%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	41	87.8%	9	4.2%	8.3%
Social and Human Service Assistants	38	84.2%	14	7.7%	5.1%
Gaming Service Workers, All Other	36	61.1%	12	2.4%	2.4%

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## Resident Workers by Industry



## Workers by Industry

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	204	16.7%	18	45.2%	24.3%
Construction	163	10.4%	30	29.8%	13.6%
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*	*
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	372	36.0%	50	23.3%	12.5%
Information	58	36.2%	13	5.6%	9.3%
Financial Activities	171	24.6%	43	7.4%	5.7%
Professional and Business Services	216	60.6%	55	27.2%	11.1%
Educational and Health Services	642	66.7%	147	11.2%	9.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	73	61.6%	35	14.7%	19.0%
State Government	81	65.4%	23	21.6%	6.2%
Local Government	1,129	49.8%	315	7.6%	7.9%
Other	52	32.7%	10	16.1%	6.5%

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## Recent Unemployment Statistics

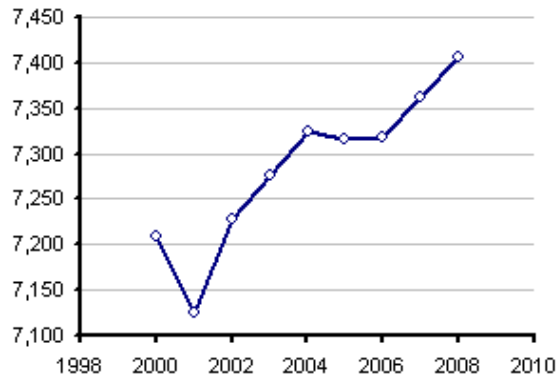
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	351	367	373	342
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	13.6%	13.3%	14.2%	15.1%

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Maniilaq Association Inc
Northwest Arctic Borough School
Teck Cominco Alaska Inc
Nana Management Services LLC
AK Commercial Co
NW Inupiat Housing Authority
Kotzebue City of
Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corp
Harpoon Construction Group Inc
State of AK (excludes U of A)

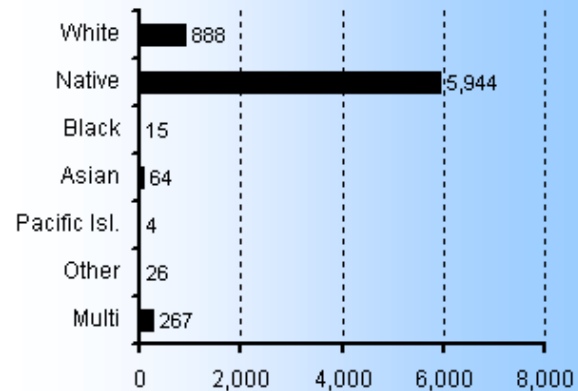
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

Median Age	23.9
Average Family Size	4.4
Average Household Size	3.9
Per Capita Income	\$15,286
Median Family Income	\$45,230
Median Household Income	\$45,976

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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